Export of F.C.V. Tobacco by STC.

3872. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) what is the total quantity of F.C.V. tobacco exported by S.T.C.;

(b) who fulfilled this order;

(c) whether it was passed on to some middlemen;

(d) whether there is any representation have been received by Government to pass on the order to the Andhra Pradesh Tobacco Growers Cooperative Federation; and

(e) if so, what are the details thereof and action taken thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED) : (a) A total quantity of 240 tonnes of FCV tobacco has been exported by the STC during the financial year 1992-93.

(b) STC fulfilled this order by arranging/procuring supplies from its associate suppliers in Guntur.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) and (e) Yes, Sir. STC was willing to apportion some quantity to the Andhra Pradesh Tobacco Growers' Cooperative Union if any export order for additional quantity was received. Since STC did not receive any export order for additional quantity, no business could be given to the Co-operative Union during 1992-93.

Recommendations of High Powered Committee on Tobacco

3873. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI. Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a high powerful committee was appointed by the Government to study long term strategy on tobacco;

(b) if so, what are the recommendations of the committee; and

(c) what steps have been taken to implement those recommendations ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The salient recommendations of the Committee and the action taken thereon have been given in reply to Rajya Sabha unstarred question No. 2364 answered on 15-3-1993.

Sale of Tobacco from Auction Platforms

3874. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that tobacco board has resolved resorting to impose penal provisions to curb sales of tobacco outside auction platforms; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken by Government to implement these recommendations ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The proposal is under consideration of the Government.

Signing of New Trade Pact with European Community

3875. Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to sign any new trade pact with European Community; and